

The monthly bulletin of the
Bar Hill Residents Association,
distributed to all residents

New Residents

We welcome this month:

Mr. and Mrs. Craske, 34 Partridge Drive ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Longmuir, 31 Partridge Drive ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Coxall, 30 Partridge Drive ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Ward, 29 Partridge Drive ✓
Mr. S. Phillips, 27 Partridge Drive ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, 25 Partridge Drive ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, 24 Partridge Drive ✓
Mr. D. Hegarty, 20 Partridge Drive ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Sharieff, 26 Oatlands Avenue ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Hassall, 25 Oatlands Avenue ✓
Mr. and Mrs. Gray, 24 Oatlands Avenue. ✓

From Mrs. R. A. Burry

Elizabeth and I wish to thank the Villagers for their kindness and sympathy to us in our recent bereavement.

Bar Hill Residents Association

Once again our Annual General Meeting has come round, so I would like to remind new (and old) residents of the origins and functions of the Residents Association.

The Association has been in existence since October 1967. It was founded, inspired and supported throughout its first years of existence by Mr. R. A. Burry. Mr. Burry and his family were among the first inhabitants of the Village.

A firm believer in the concept of Bar Hill, Mr. Burry devoted a great deal of energy to the Association and, in doing so, laid the foundations of the remarkably rich and varied community life which exists in the Village today.

He founded this Newsletter at the same time as the Association and, although he ceased to edit it in 1969, he subsequently contributed many informative and stimulating letters and articles. In his dealings with the Association he was invariably patient and tactful but defended with integrity what he considered to be correct.

These qualities, combined with intelligence and a sense of humour, made him an asset that the community could ill afford to lose. His tragic and untimely death deeply shocked all who had known, liked and respected him: his family have the support and sympathy, in their loss, of the community he did so much to create.

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The objects of the Association are as follows:

- (a) To promote the interests of Bar Hill Village
- (b) To act when necessary as an intermediary between the residents and other bodies
- (c) To raise funds for the purpose of promoting the interests of the Village
- (d) To keep residents informed of matters of interest to them in and around the Village.

The R.A. receives no money, on a regular basis, from the developers and no part of your maintenance fees. It is supported solely by annual subscriptions and the profit from occasional social functions. It has sufficient funds to sponsor and assist new groups in the Village in their early stages. During the past year we have inaugurated the Horticultural Society and sponsored and assisted the Motoring Association. Both of these groups are now independent and flourishing and providing an excellent service to the Village.

We produce and distribute this monthly Newsletter free of charge to the whole Village, entirely from the funds of the Association. At the moment this costs approximately £25 per annum, but this cost will increase with the population.

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We are very willing to deal on your behalf with the developers or other outside bodies where we can help and on matters of general interest. If necessary we can obtain legal aid or opinions on matter affecting the village in general. In response to requests from residents, we are at the moment, for example, attempting to obtain from the developers a detailed explanation of their intention regarding the communal radio and television aerials.

In the long term we anticipate a role in the provision of amenities in the Village Green and in other areas of the Village. Where it seems appropriate, we refer matters to the Parish Council for their attention and vice versa.

If you consider these aims to be worthwhile, and would like to add weight to our voice, would you please fill in the current membership form which is in this Newsletter and either send it to one of the committee, or bring it to the A.G.M. together with the annual subscription (50p per household, pensioners free).

Committee -

Chairman	John Wills ✓	45 Acorn Avenue
Treasurer	Mike Downey ✓	34 Acorn Avenue
Secretary	Ron Page ✓	39 Partridge Drive(*)

Doug Anderson	14 Otter Close ✓	Bob Bright	43 Otter Gardens ✓
Mrs. Stella Burry	58 Acorn Avenue ✓	Mike Duce	22 Gladeside ✓
Mrs. Penny Fromant	15 Almond Grove ✓	Roger Hall	41 Otter Close ✓
Mike Leopold	17 Otter Close ✓	Ray E. Smith	12 Almond Grove. ✓

The Future Bar Hill

With this Newsletter will be found a map of Bar Hill when completed as envisaged by the Developers; the original was part of their Press handout.

Annual General Meeting of the Bar Hill Residents Association, 1971

The A.G.M. of the Residents Association will be held in the school at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 23rd November 1971. If you wish to raise any matter for discussion at the meeting, please give notice in writing to the Secretary (*) beforehand.

New Officers and Committee will be elected at this meeting, in accordance with the Rules of the Association quoted below:

"(5) Election of: Up to 12 Committee members (who must be Village residents) proportionally representing Streets or Areas of the Village as agreed by the A.G.M. from time to time: PLUS a Secretary, who must be resident; PLUS a Treasurer, who must be resident; PLUS TWO Auditors who are not members of the Committee.

"(14) Nominations: Nominations will normally be in writing signed by the nominee, his proposer and seconder and will be delivered to the Secretary not less than fourteen clear days before the date of the meeting. However, the meeting may accept later nominations by a majority vote."

(*) Secretary of BHRA Owing to shortage of time Ron Page, the Secretary of the Association, will not be able to continue in this office after the A.G.M. The Committee would like to thank him very much for performing his duties so ably and efficiently. He will be acting as Secretary until the A.G.M

Treasurer. Again owing to pressure of other commitments, Mike Downey, who has been an exemplary Treasurer of the Association for three years, will not be able to continue after this A.G.M. The Committee would like to record their sincere appreciation of the thorough, cautious and professional way he has dealt with the Association's money throughout this period.

The departure of our Secretary and Treasurer from their offices means that new officers will have to be found to carry out these important duties for the Association. I would like to ask all Village residents to consider whether they could take on either of these roles for the coming session. Although experience would obviously be an advantage, every assistance and help can be given to anyone new to this kind of work, so please do not hesitate to contact Ron Page (address above) or any member of the committee.

John Wills

Bar Hill Pre-School Playgroup

A coffee morning is being held at Carole Cook's home: 32 Acorn Avenue, on Thursday, 18th November from 10 a.m. A selection of goods suitable for Christmas presents will be on sale including a range of inexpensive enamel jewellery.

After last year's successful sale, a toy auction is again being held. This will be in the Playgroup hut on Wednesday, 1st December. Further details later.

Bar Hill W.I.

We meet on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7.45 p.m. in the School. We try to have as varied a programme as possible, and this month our meeting is on the ** 4th November, when our speaker is talking about the work of the Samaritans. If you are interested please come along and we will be pleased to meet you.

Bar Hill Wives Group

The Bar Hill Wives Group, formerly the Newcomers, would like to thank all those people who helped and supported the Harvest Supper and made it a great success.

Bar Hill Labour Party

November 17th sees the inaugural meeting of the Bar Hill Labour Party. The meeting will commence at 8.0 p.m. in the School. The first part of the meeting will be concerned with constitution of the branch and election of officers. The main item will be a talk by the well-known Cambridge solicitor, Mr. Peter Soar, on the subject "Planning Villages".

Brownies

1st Bar Hill Brownie Guide Pack are holding a coffee morning in the School hall on November 27th, 10.30 to 12 noon. There will be a cake stall and calendars for sale, also Christmas decorations and a raffle. Would anyone like to sponsor a Brownie in a Sponsored Silence, to be held at the coffee morning? The Brownies will be coming round or can be sponsored at the coffee morning.

Entertainment

Make a note of the date. 10th December. A grand evening's entertainment featuring items by the Singing for Pleasure Group and two one-act plays by the BaHDS in the School hall. Watch for further details!

Parent Teacher Association

Bonfire and fireworks on Friday, 5th November at 7 p.m. (in the industrial area, near the television aerial).

There will be a visit to the Stapleford Maths Centre on Friday, 26th November. Any member interested in going, please contact Mr. Norton.

We would like more members; everyone in the Village is invited to join. Fee: 25p per family per year. (Treasurer: Mr. Burns, 13 Acorn Avenue) ✓

Discussion Group

There will be a discussion on "The power of television" at 45 Acorn Avenue on Monday, 15th November at 8 p.m. This group (one of three meeting currently) would be pleased to welcome more members; if you are interested, please come.

Motoring Association

The Residents Association is loaning £20 to the Motoring Association, to help towards equipping it with tools.

Garden Rubbish

Mr. Kenneth Nunn has asked that the Villagers should be told that they may dispose of their garden rubbish between the two hillocks, adjoining the perimeter road, opposite Cambridge Consultants. This is for a trial period only, and if it is abused it will be stopped immediately.

Swavesey Village College

Be Our Guests

As part of our "Hands across the A604" venture, which was launched successfully with a lively meeting in the School on Tuesday, 19th October, the students of Swavesey Village College invite you as their guests during a normal evening of activities. This has been arranged for Tuesday, 16th November from 7.30 onwards. Should you require transport may I remind you that the College bus leaves the Supermarket at 7.02 p.m.

Drama

The College Drama Group will be presenting "Playbill" on 26th and 27th November at Swavesey Village College. Tickets are now on sale.

Deryck C. Gent, Adult Tutor

Notice from the Developers

Messrs. J. Nunn and Sons (Ipswich) Ltd., who are carrying out building operations within the Village have asked that the increase in damage to and loss of materials which the firm is experiencing be brought to the notice of the Villagers.

They ask that children be prevented from going on to the sites where they can easily injure themselves or cause damage.

The firm also asks for co-operation in cases where materials are seen being removed during non working hours and/or where vehicles are seen being used for this purpose, the number be taken and brought to the notice of the police or the staff of the Information Centre.

One recent incident concerns a considerable amount of property stolen from the site by a non-resident, but this person is shortly to appear in court. In another incident a piece of valuable equipment was stolen from one of the show houses.

Bar Hill Horticultural Society

Pantomime Please hurry - there are still some tickets for the 2.30 p.m. performance at the Arts Theatre on New Year's Day (a Saturday) at 75p each including transport. Tickets from Mr. S. Frogley, 3 Oatlands Avenue. ✓

Next Meeting At 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 16th November in the School. Mr. Jackson, a representative of Scotsdales, will give a talk on shrubs in the garden.

Gardening shop We expect to take delivery very soon of roses and shrubs, and we still have some pre-planted Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinths and Crocuses for indoor flowering.

November Hints Clear up herbaceous borders and turn over rough ground so that it can be broken up during the winter, working in peat and a slow-acting fertiliser. Prune bush and standard roses as soon as the leaves have fallen, although this can be done at any convenient time up to March. The only exceptions are H.T. roses, which are tender and best left unpruned until early April. Also prune fruit trees. Now, rather than spring, is the time to plant roses, fruit and ornamental trees and shrubs, etc. Do not plant too close together: small shrubs 3ft; large shrubs 6ft and trees 12 to 16ft apart. Plant roses 18 to 24 ins. apart. Lift begonias and dahlias as the frost gets them.

Letter

Dear Sir,

I would like to draw parents' attention to a growing tendency for children to play football and to ride bicycles in the shopping arcade. Shop windows are expensive and can be very dangerous to anyone crashing through them.

Also at least one person (me) has been hurt because a Keymarkets trolley was pushed into my leg by two small boys 'playing' with them.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs. B. Oliver

Dogs (again)

Once again we have been asked to pass on a complaint that dogs, wandering uncontrolled in the Village, have been worrying plastic bags of rubbish put out for the dustmen to collect. To avoid this unpleasant hazard, may we ask dog-owners to prevent their dogs from roaming, at least during the time that the rubbish is out in the street.

Christmas Presents

There is no doubt that some of the most successful Christmas presents we have given have been antiques or what passes for "antique" nowadays. Very often this stretches to pre-war, and I mean the last one! I hope to have "an antique for everyone" Christmas as a change from the bed jackets, pullovers and socks. This does take time for articles have to be hunted, so if anyone is interested, now is the time to start looking.

Women are fairly easy to cater for - there is masses of very interesting jewellery to be found for a few shillings to many pounds. Recently, I bought a stone pendant about the size of a small egg with a gold mount for just over £3. For the same sum in another shop, a very long pinchbeck or ormolu chain. Jet is very cheap as it is not particularly fashionable at the moment. A heavy hecklace in this material could be worn by a dark haired woman with distinction. Large, important brooches, very popular in the last century, are worth looking at. I like the ones with large polished stones, but the mount must be good and workmanship evident. Workboxes and writing boxes can still be very useful and are made very often in beautiful woods. Miniature chests, some say "Apprentice pieces" or "travelling samples" would make useful and very original jewel boxes, especially if there was a tiny gift in each drawer! There are also scent bottles with silver mounts, pretty dressing table sets and many, many more things a pleasure to own.

Men are rather more difficult. Perhaps a print either of a favourite town or a hobby such as fishing. Most prints have been taken from books and hand coloured, so they cover an enormous number of subjects. Water colours can be bought for under a pound as well if unframed or badly framed. We do have an excellent and reasonable picture-framer in the village! An old tavern glass, or rummer, if he is a drinking man. Last year we bought, for only £1 each, six huge tumblers with a "key" design

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BAR HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION - Membership Application Form: *Renewal/New Member

I apply for membership of the Bar Hill Residents Association as the occupier of the premises shown below. I understand that my membership confers the rights and privileges of membership of the Association on members of my family normally resident with me, and that membership terminates if I cease to be a resident householder in Bar Hill Village.

- * I enclose my business subscription of £1.00
- * I enclose my resident's subscription of 50p
- * I am of state retirement age (free membership)

Signed Date

Name (*Mr./Mrs./Miss)

Address

*Please delete as necessary

(This portion will be signed as a receipt and handed back to you)

BAR HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Received the sum of

I certify that

of (address)

is a member of this Association for the year ⁺ to 19th October 1972

Signed Date

⁺ Please note: For new residents only who join the Association after 31st March 1972, the subscription fee will be valid until 19th October 1973.

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around the top and oval incisions around the base. Just right for a large bottle of beer. Paper weights, the Victorian kind with views, are still not too expensive and glove boxes, also made of lovely woods, would make cigarette boxes. My favourite glove boxes are the "striped" ones using light and dark woods in bands. Old books, as well as sometimes having beautiful leather bindings, are often amusing and interesting in the light of present knowledge.

Children need not be left out either. Military buttons are very reasonable and most boys like to collect something of that sort. Horse brasses, spears and even a "yard of ale" as well as a mandolin have ended up on the walls of my boys' rooms. My daughter started a collection of shoes many years ago and we have now started one of small jugs. I also buy jewellery for her and one of her prize possessions is a pearl and coral necklace bought for 4/6d in the market about 18 months ago.

For the home there are huge plates, very decorative for carving or serving anything in bulk. I have a wash basin, Minton, which I could not do without when it comes to mixing Christmas puddings and cakes as well as vast quantities of almost anything for parties. That cost 5/-. Plates, cups and saucers, teapots, cream jugs, figures, the list is really endless and around Cambridge there is a wealth of shops. I find the market a good hunting ground, but not on a Saturday. Saffron Walden is good on that day with a small but delightful market as well as about four good antique shops. Buntingford and Royston are also good and the three towns make a pleasant afternoon's outing.

Recently, we "discovered" Stamford, and are off there. If you like any of the ideas - good hunting.

Marsha Palmann

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